

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

VISIT WITH HIS DIVINE HOLINESS
HARIPRASAD SWAMIJI MAHARAJ
AT THE JAIN TEMPLE OF CHI-
CAGO ON AUGUST 12TH

HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 1, 2017

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Mr. Speaker, today I honor His Divine Holiness Hariprasad Swamiji Maharaj, spiritual leader and founder of the Yogi Divine Society—a Hindu spiritual and humanitarian charitable organization—as he makes a historic visit to Yogi Divine Society members and devotees across North America.

The Yogi Divine Society is a global not for profit organization founded in 1974 that encourages all races, religions, and genders to lead enriched and harmonious lives. With over 500 educational and cultural centers worldwide, the Yogi Divine Society is devoted to working on issues like the environment, youth development, spiritual education, and health care.

His Divine Holiness Hariprasad Swamiji Maharaj has dedicated his life to the principle of Atmiyata (Spiritual Affinity with one and all). He became a Sadhu (religious devotee) in 1965 and was made diksha (being appointed saint) by his spiritual educator Guruhari Yogiji Maharaj. His drive for global harmony led him to found the Yogi Divine Society. Through his work, his Holiness strives to promote humanity, peace, and understanding amongst the people of the world.

Every time I visit the volunteers and members of the Yogi Divine Society, I am reminded of the incredible virtues that the Society promotes not only to Americans but to people around the world. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to support their work and their devotion to creating a more welcoming and understanding world.

I honor His Divine Holiness Hariprasad Swamiji Maharaj, the spiritual leader and founder of the Yogi Divine Society, as he visits the Jain Temple of Metropolitan Chicago on August 12th.

HONORING ROBERT “IAN” MALONEY

HON. MAXINE WATERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 1, 2017

Ms. MAXINE WATERS of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to highlight Robert “Ian” Maloney, a May 2017 graduate of Georgetown Preparatory School and a newly accepted member of the Brown University class of 2021. Last year, I had the great pleasure of speaking at Georgetown Preparatory School about

the call to serve and to give back to the community.

I accepted the invitation to speak at that school because Ian reached out and asked me to do so. Ian is a remarkable young man whom I have known since his birth. Ian was President of the Black Student Association. He is also a member of the National Honor Society and a National Hispanic Scholar, and he is passionate about serving others and giving back. He is committed to social justice and drawing attention to the scourge of homelessness.

Ian asked me to speak at Georgetown Preparatory School because he had made a promise to the school's Headmaster, Mr. Jeff Jones. Mr. Jones was the school's first African-American Headmaster and Interim President, and a leader who fostered diversity. At the time that Ian requested that I speak, Mr. Jones was awaiting a heart transplant at Cedars-Sinai Hospital in my Congressional District. Sadly, Mr. Jones would die two months after I spoke. However, several days before he had passed, he called to wish Ian continuing success in his studies and called on him to carry the torch and to continue to serve others.

Mr. Speaker, Ian wishes to honor the call and the memory of his Headmaster, Mr. Jeff Jones. Ian is a very special young man, and I wish him success in his academic endeavors. I truly believe that he has a very bright future ahead and that he will continue to give back to his community and make a positive difference in the world.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 1, 2017

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, on July 28, 2017 I missed a series of Roll Call votes. Had I been present, I would have voted “YEA” on Nos. 436, 437, and 438.

IN HONOR OF JOHN CHRISTOPHER LAMONICA

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 1, 2017

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to commemorate the life of Mr. John Christopher LaMonica.

Mr. LaMonica's career in broadcast journalism is a catalogue of the major events of 20th century history. From Central Asia to the Middle East to Southern Africa; from the secret nuclear cities of Siberia to New Orleans

during Hurricane Katrina; he used facts to tell stories with moral truths.

Originally from Rye, New York, Mr. LaMonica attended Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service. In 1979, he became an Adjunct Fellow at the Center for Strategic and International Studies. He cut his teeth as a consultant for Henry Kissinger and became a newsman with Ted Koppel, working for decades as an investigative producer for ABC News Nightline. In 2006 he took the legacy of journalism from that program with him to Discovery, where he produced cutting-edge documentaries with Mr. Koppel on subjects ranging from the history of race relations in America to surviving cancer. Mr. LaMonica continued that work as an executive producer at Al Jazeera America.

The sum total of years spent away from his family in Russia and Iran and some of the most dangerous places on earth rewarded Mr. LaMonica with numerous National Emmys, several Dupont-Columbia and Peabody awards, the Overseas Press Club Edward R. Murrow Award, and the Global Health Council Excellence in Media Award. In 1987, he earned the Benton Fellowship in broadcast journalism from the University of Chicago. But what meant the world to Mr. LaMonica was that it can be said of him that he was a great father, the best grandfather, and, quite simply, a good man.

In addition to his journalistic endeavors, Mr. LaMonica continuously gave back to our community. His philanthropic efforts included his involvement with the Knights of Columbus, HOPE in Northern Virginia and the Zambia Orphans of AIDS, and the St. Peter Claver Society.

Mr. LaMonica died peacefully in his bed at home in Virginia on March 13, 2016, after battling cancer for nearly a year. He is survived by his wife, Teresa; her son; their three children; and four grandchildren, who still miss the man they called “Papa Jay.”

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating the life of, and bidding farewell to Jay LaMonica. May he rest in peace, and his family be comforted.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 1, 2017

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I had to miss today's votes on July 28, 2017, because I had a pre-scheduled meeting and briefing at the United States Air Force Academy. Also, I cast the same votes when each of these bills was considered under suspension on 7/24/17.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 437, and YEA on Roll Call No. 438.

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RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF SERGEANT CHRIS REDMAN

HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 1, 2017

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service and sacrifice of Sergeant Chris Redman, and to congratulate him for being inducted into the Honorary Rolls of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, the "Blackhorse Regiment." I believe that our nation's men and women in uniform are America's greatest assets. They have made incredible sacrifices for our country and deserve our utmost support and respect for their service.

Sergeant Redman has dedicated his life to protecting all Americans through his service as a sergeant in the United States Army and as a police officer. He received numerous recognitions while in the Army and has continued to serve the Blackhorse Regiment since his retirement. In addition to his selfless service to our country, Sergeant Redman has also been a great leader and supporter of the Blackhorse Regiment in his community, coordinating reunions and raising money for scholarship funds.

Our nation owes no greater debt of gratitude than the one we owe our veterans. They and their families should be commended. On behalf of the 4th Congressional District of Colorado, I extend my best wishes and deepest gratitude to Sergeant Redman.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Sergeant Chris Redman for his commitment to family, community, and the United States of America.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JEFF FORTENBERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 1, 2017

Mr. FORTENBERRY. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, July 27, 2017, I was unavoidably detained and thus missed roll call votes 430 through 435.

Had I been present, I would have voted NAY Roll Call No. 430, NAY Roll Call No. 431, NAY Roll Call No. 432, NAY Roll Call No. 433, NAY Roll Call No. 434, and YEA on Roll Call No. 435.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF MARINE CORPORAL LUKE McDERMOTT

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 1, 2017

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the service and sacrifice of Marine Corporal Luke McDermott.

Corporal McDermott was serving his second deployment in Afghanistan when on June 9, 2010, an improvised explosive device detonated underneath his vehicle during a routine security patrol. The damage caused by this

explosion cost Corporal McDermott both of his legs, but it did not take away the fighting spirit which enabled him to persevere through the difficult recovery process.

It is a true testament to Corporal McDermott's character that these injuries have not prevented him from pursuing life to its fullest. In addition to actively training and traveling with the U.S. National Sled Hockey team, he has continued his service to the global community by participating in a volunteer trip to study social development in Morocco.

Through the generous work of Homes for our Troops, Corporal McDermott will soon become a resident of New York's 21st District, and we are proud to welcome him. Since 2004, the organization has built 236 adapted homes for veterans, and now Homes for our Troops is providing Corporal McDermott with an accessible residence in Clayton, New York. Here, he can live comfortably and pursue his dreams of working toward a law degree.

I would like to thank Corporal McDermott for his service to our county and for the sacrifices he has made for our way of life. He is a deserving recipient of the incredible opportunity that Homes for our Troops provides.

RECOGNIZING HOWARD L. CHAMBERS

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 1, 2017

Ms. SÁNCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Howard L. Chambers, City Manager for Lakewood, California in my Southern California district who is retiring after over 41 years of public service. Howard is concluding his career as the longest serving city manager with any single city in California, exemplifying his love and dedication towards the City of Lakewood and its people.

Howard was born and raised in Lakewood, having attended Lakewood schools and working at the local YMCA and the City of Lakewood's recreation program. As his life progressed Howard never strayed too far from his beloved city, attending college at nearby California State University, Long Beach where he received a Bachelor of Science degree. Howard became Lakewood's top executive in 1976, after receiving a Master of Arts degree in Planning and Administration from Pepperdine University and serving as Executive Assistant to the Lakewood City Manager.

During his tenure with the City of Lakewood, Howard always provided strong leadership and knowledgeable direction for major projects. While his accomplishments are far too numerous to name, I want to highlight the building of the Weingart Senior Center, The Centre at Sycamore Plaza, the S. Mark Taper Foundation Vista Lodge, the West San Gabriel River Parkway Nature Trail, and, most recently, the new Pumpkin Playground at San Martin Park. He also oversaw the renovation of the Veterans Memorial Plaza and Douglas jet plane at Del Valle Park.

Over the past decades, Howard has worked tirelessly to ensure Lakewood operates on firm financial footing and never outside its fiscal means. During the recent economic downturn, Lakewood was able to maintain funding for all

city services and avoid employee layoffs thanks to Howard's budgetary foresight.

Howard has also played an influential role amongst his peers in city management, through his leadership roles in League of California Cities, the California Contract Cities Association, the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority, the Gateway Cities Council of Governments, and the International City/County Management Association. Howard was recently honored by the League of California Cities with the 2017 Wes McClure Award of Distinction for outstanding career service, leadership, ethics, expertise and innovation as a city manager.

I wish to commend Howard Chambers on his many years of outstanding public service and dedication to the City of Lakewood and its residents. I wish him the very best in retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 1, 2017

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, due to an unavoidable conflict, I missed the following votes on July 28. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 437, and YEA on Roll Call No. 438.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018

HON. MAC THORNBERRY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 1, 2017

Mr. THORNBERRY. Mr. Speaker, I ask that the following exchange of letters be included in the RECORD on H.R. 2810:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON HOUSE ADMINISTRATION,
Washington, DC, June 29, 2017.

Hon. WILLIAM M. "MAC" THORNBERRY,
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. THORNBERRY: I am writing to you concerning the bill H.R. 2810, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016. There are certain provisions in the legislation which fall within the Rule X jurisdiction of the Committee on House Administration.

In the interest of permitting your committee to proceed expeditiously to floor consideration of this important bill, I am willing to waive this committee's right to sequential referral. I do so with the understanding that by waiving consideration of the bill the Committee on House Administration does not waive any future jurisdictional claim over the subject matters contained in the bill which fall within its Rule X jurisdiction. I request that you urge the Speaker to name members of this committee to any conference committee which is named to consider such provisions.

Please place this letter into the committee report on H.R. 2810 and into the Congressional Record during consideration of the measure on the House floor. Thank you for the cooperative spirit in which you have